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TWO CENTS.

EXPECT NO BREAK WITH GERMANY

Diplomatic Rupture Averted for the Present by the Official Note—Further Attacks in Violation of Law the Only Cause for Anxiety—German People Satisfied with Answer

WASHINGTON, May 6. — The official text of the German note, fully decoded and laid before President Wilson today, shows no material differences from the unofficial text published yesterday in the news despatches.

This strengthens the probability that a diplomatic break has been averted, at least at present.

Overnight study of the note by officials did not change their view that probably there would be no break in the diplomatic relations unless there were further attacks in violation of law.

There is a possibility that the United States may make brief reply, notifying the Berlin government that as long as new orders to the submarine commanders are fully observed diplomatic relations will not be discontinued on that score.

Secretary Lansing already has studied the note once and was going over it very carefully again today. There were indications that further consideration by the cabinet would not be necessary.

Count Von Bernstorff, the German ambassador, returned to the embassy today from New York. He said he had no communication from his government and had no reason to visit the state department in connection with the note unless he were invited or instructed by his government to do so. Several members of the cabinet have left Washington and are not expected back before Monday.

BERLIN, May 6, via London. — The

First Baptist Church

Rev. George E. Tomkinson, Minister.



Sunday Services.

10:30 a. m., Sermon, subject The Lord's Supper.
11:45 a. m., Bible school.
3:45 p. m., Junior Christian Endeavor meeting.
7:30 p. m., Sermon, Subject, The Revelation of the Doubter, Dugan's orchestra. Chorus choir. Alexander hymns.

Centre Congregational Church

Sunday Services.

10:30 a. m., Divine worship, Subject, The Authority of Scripture.
11:45 a. m., Sunday school.
3:30 p. m., Junior Christian Endeavor meeting. Subject, Learning to Pray. Leader, Eva Haynes.
7:00 p. m., Christian Endeavor meeting in the chapel. Rev. Ernest C. Partridge of Sivas, Turkey, will speak. Mr. Partridge is principal of the Sivas Teachers' college and is located in the same city with Dr. C. Ernest Clark, formerly of West Brattleboro.

Unitarian Church

Unitarian Literature Free.

Leaflets describing the Unitarian belief may be obtained on application to Mrs. James M. Adams, 7 Cedar St.

In Odd Fellows' Temple

Monday night at 7:30—Regular meeting will be held in the banquet hall of the new temple.

GIRL MISSING IN HINSDALE

Gladys Stearns's Coat and Hat Found Beside Connecticut River

LARGE SEARCHING PARTY ORGANIZED

Young Woman Has Been in Ill Health with Rheumatism — Graduated from Hinsdale High School Last June — Townspeople Deeply Stirred.

(Special to The Reformer.)

HINSDALE, N. H., May 6. A feeling of deepest anxiety and gloom has been cast over this town by the sudden and strange disappearance late yesterday afternoon of Miss Gladys Stearns, 19, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Willis D. Stearns, and the startling discovery of her coat and hat beside the track at the east end of the South Vernon Boston & Maine railroad bridge over the Connecticut river.

Miss Stearns has been in ill health for some time suffering from rheumatism and with trouble with her eyes, and yesterday, accompanied by her mother, visited a physician in Northfield, who, it is understood, could give her little encouragement that her condition would improve and that probably the eyesight would be affected.

On their return journey between 3 and 4 o'clock Miss Stearns decided to pick Mayflowers and got out of the carriage at the pasture bars of Miles Doolittle, who lives near the Doolittle underpass, and this was the last seen of her.

The engineer of the local afternoon down freight, Charles White, noticed a green coat and hat near the tracks about 5 o'clock and told Fred Adams, the station agent at South Vernon, who thought nothing more of the incident until he heard of Miss Stearns' disappearance from home. He quickly identified the articles as those of Miss Stearns, whose relatives already had begun to look for her.

The search was continued all night in that locality and all day today, but the only new discovery was the silk gloves, which were found on a fence post not far from the bridge. A large searching party has been organized for duty this afternoon. The Boy Scouts with leaders are all out. Boats and grappling irons are being gotten in readiness to drag the river.

Miss Stearns was born and brought up in this town and graduated from the high school here last June. She was an exceptionally bright and popular young woman and her strange disappearance has stirred the townspeople as nothing else has in recent years. Her parents are utterly grief-stricken and the sympathy of the entire town is with them in their trouble.

Mr. Stearns is a well-known farmer living on the Northfield road some three miles south of this village.

CALL TO NATIONAL BANKS.

Comptroller of Currency Asks for Statement on May 1.

WASHINGTON, May 6. — The comptroller of the currency today issued a call to all national banks requiring them to report to him their condition at the close of business on Monday, May 1. In answer to this call national banks are required to inform the comptroller of their investments in foreign securities, particularly those of nations now engaged in war. The result is expected to show for the first time just how much of the \$500,000,000 loan to the entente allies came directly or indirectly from national banks, as well as how much Germany or Austria may have secured through the same sources.

GOOD FOR NORWAY.

Protests Against the Seizure of Mails by Allied Governments.

CHRISTIANIA, May 6, via London. — Norway formally notified the British and French governments today that she cannot admit the correctness of The Hague 1907 convention regarding the seizure of neutral mail at sea. The Norwegian government has lodged a formal complaint at London and Paris, stating that the action of the allied governments in seizing Norwegian mails is against the interests of neutral nations.

MARRIAGES.

In Brattleboro, May 6, by Carl S. Hopkins, Esq., Maurice J. Farrell of Falls River, Mass., and Miss Anna McGrath of Brooklyn, N. Y.

SULLIVAN TO BE RELEASED

American Ex-Diplomat Was Charged with Complicity in Irish Revolt

ANOTHER LEADER WAS SHOT TODAY

McBride Was the Eighth of the Sinn Feiners to Suffer Death Penalty — Joseph Plunkett Married an Hour Before He Was Executed.

DUBLIN, May 6, via London. — It was officially announced today that Maj. John McBride, the eighth leader of the Sinn Feiners' rebellion to suffer death by sentence of court martial, was shot today. Thomas Hunter and William Cosgrave, who were sentenced to death by Maj. McBride, had their sentences commuted to life imprisonment. Joseph Plunkett, one of the leaders in the rebellion, was married an hour before he was put to death to Miss Giffard, sister of Mrs. Thomas MacDonagh, widow of one of the first rebels who was put to death. James M. Sullivan, former American minister to the Dominican republic, who has been imprisoned in Dublin castle several days on the charge of having been implicated in the Irish rebellion, probably will be released today, it is said by officials.

HAITIEN SENATORS WERE DISPERSED

Admiral Caperton in Full Command—Wires That Situation in Two Republics Is Grave.

PORT AU PRINCE, Haiti, May 6. — Members of the Haitian senate, who persisted in holding a meeting in spite of the warning of Rear Admiral Caperton, in command of the American forces here, were dispersed today by a detachment of gendarmes, commanded by an American officer. The senators protested, but offered no resistance.

WASHINGTON, May 6. — Rear Admiral Caperton, in charge of the American forces in Santo Domingo and Haiti, today advised the navy department that the situation in Santo Domingo in revolt against President Jimenez was grave. Secretary Daniels said that Admiral Caperton had full authority to land marines or take any other steps necessary to preserve order.

WILL RETURN TO WORK.

Shovelers' Strike in Springfield to Be Arbitrated by State Board.

SPRINGFIELD, Mass., May 6. — Striking shovelers who brought excavation and other work to a standstill weeks ago, will resume work Monday night in continuing with their jobs while the state board of arbitration and arbitration decides the issue between the workmen and contractors. Both sides agreed to this plan in a conference last night with B. F. Supple, chairman of the state board, at Hotel Kimball.

The men will go back on the same pay and time pending the outcome of the arbitration proceedings. The meeting last night was called together hurriedly on the arrival of Mr. Supple in this city. His coming was unexpected because of a plan for a conference of contractors Monday in the board of trade rooms. Both sides asked the state board to arbitrate. Mr. Supple heard all statements from both sides and secured the agreement of the shovelers to return to work. The question of what the shovelers will do if the board returns a decision unfavorable to their demands for an eight-hour day at \$2.50 is not known.

CHARGED WITH THEFT.

Roller Skating Expert Is Alleged to Have Stolen Jewelry.

BENNINGTON, May 6. — Edward Slocum, a young man who has been performing on the streets on roller skates and acting as a bally-hoo man for a local moving picture theatre, was arraigned in municipal court yesterday on the charge of breaking and entering and held in the sum of \$500 for the grand jury which meets at Manchester on the first Tuesday in June.

Slocum is charged with the theft of jewelry from the home of Mrs. Charles Palmer on Park street. He was arrested at North Bennington yesterday afternoon while he was waiting to take the north-bound train for Rutland.

In his suit case the officers found a quantity of jewelry and two revolvers, all of which it is charged he took from the Palmer home.

Paris has a theatre with a reversible floor, one side being intended for dancing and the other for the seats.

Milwaukee has 29 receiving and shipping docks where coal can be loaded and unloaded.

ADMITTED FALSE ENTRY

Examiner Testified Averill Said He Did It to Fat Balance

ASKED KELLIHER NOT TO TELL DIRECTORS

Important Testimony for Prosecution Given at Hearing in Burlington This Morning—Defendant Appears Broken—Son and Daughter by His Side.

(Special to The Reformer.)

BURLINGTON, May 6. Important testimony was presented by the prosecution today in the Averill bank case. James H. Kelliher, United States bank examiner, was on the stand all the forenoon and had not finished when adjournment was taken until Monday.

Mr. Kelliher said he examined the Vermont National bank July 9, 1913, and July 16, 1914, both times finding its condition all right. When he appeared to make an examination March 31, 1915, he had to wait several hours, until Mr. Averill arrived, before he could get at the vault, neither the teller nor the cashier having the combination.

At this time the figures on the teller's cash book tallied with those on the general ledger at the close of business March 30. Further examination, however, brought to light a discrepancy between the cash item entries. Mr. Kelliher said he asked President Averill about an item of \$11,600 which the latter said was a loan to the Shawmut bank. The examiner also asked about another item and about six unsigned cashier's checks varying in amounts from \$26,800 to \$500. Mr. Averill explained, the witness said, that these checks were drawn in his favor, he having loaned the bank money.

In a conference later in the afternoon Mr. Averill made the admission that he made these entries and others in the books of the bank to make the balance at the Shawmut bank appear larger than it really was. Mr. Kelliher testified that Mr. Averill asked him not to tell the bank directors or the department at Washington, assuring him that the thing would not happen again. Mr. Averill said the entries were made solely to bolster up his reserve at the Shawmut bank; that other banks in Brattleboro had taken business away from him and he needed to make as good a showing as possible. The same thing was true in the case of false statements which he admitted he made to the controller of the currency in monthly reports of the approved reserve.

Mr. Averill sits quietly in the court room all day, saying not a word. He appears broken. His son and daughter occupy seats beside him.

MOVIES MISSED THRILLING SCENE

Wilson Brothers in Automobile Stunt—Tire Scooped In as Car Sped Along on Three Wheels.

A stunt that had all moving picture feature stuff backed off the map was pulled off by the Wilson brothers, automobile repairers, on Elliot street this morning at 10:45 o'clock. The fact that the machine was being driven rapidly at the time made possible a remarkable sequence of events.

The car, an old one with wooden wheels, was driven up Main street hill and turned into Elliot street. The speed at which the car was being operated caused the right rear wheel to collapse and the car swung at almost right angles across the street. The driver, one of the brothers, jerked the steering wheel around and with one laughing look to determine what had happened, continued the rapid pace out Elliot street, the right hind hub serving in lieu of the wheel.

The rim of the wheel lay in the street but so rapid was the course of events that the tire which had come off and rolled along up the street was snatched by Robert Wilson, an older brother, who was a passenger in the tonneau, as the speeding car went along, and was lifted in triumph into the car.

Five minutes later the trio returned driving a Ford car, picked up the rim and parts of the hickory spokes and drove off. The crash of the breaking wheel caused many to run from stores and offices, and except for those who had chanced to be eye witnesses it was a mystified bunch that gathered to inspect a rim of an automobile wheel, a few broken spokes and yet could see nothing that resembled a damaged automobile.

Except along the Caspian coast, Persian agriculture is dependent almost entirely on irrigation.

KILLED FORTY-FIVE MEXICAN BANDITS

Full Squadron of the 11th U. S. Cavalry Surprised Villa's Men—Commander Reports That He Is Still Pursuing Scattered Band—Scott and Obregon in Conference

DAMAGE SUIT FOR \$15,000 IS NEXT

Case of Ryder Against Last Block Co.—Arguments Made in Mrs. Brown's Suit for Housework.

All the arguments were made this afternoon in county court in the case of Mrs. Eva L. Brown of Marlboro against her husband's father, Albert G. Brown of that town, and at noon court took a recess until Monday at 2 p. m., when the judge's charge to the jury will be made.

Mrs. Brown seeks to recover \$2,500 a week for 10 years, for housework. The plaintiff employed as witnesses Rev. H. H. Shaw, E. P. Adams and Green Worden. The defendant's witnesses were his son, Ernest Brown, husband of the plaintiff's daughter, Luce, Charles Worden, Walter Thayer and Walter Snow. The parties also testified. All the witnesses were from Marlboro.

Attorney F. E. Barber made the opening and closing arguments for the plaintiff and attorneys E. W. Gibson and W. R. Daley argued for the defendant.

The next case set for trial is that of Affra H. Ryder against the Vermont Last Block Co. This is a suit for \$15,000 for personal injuries alleged to have been received while the plaintiff was an employee of the company in 1914.

The plaintiff claims that while in the employ of the company he was passing a conveyer when a heavy maple block fell from it and hit him on the head, causing a bad fracture of the skull above the right ear. To relieve pressure on the brain it was necessary to remove a piece of the skull, and he says he has never fully recovered from the effects of the injury.

Chase and Chase and H. G. & F. E. Barber are for the plaintiff and Gleason & Wilbur of Montpelier for the defendant company.

ZEPELIN DESTROYED.

Submarine Completed Work of Warships—Seven of Crew Rescued.

LONDON, May 6. — It was the Zeppelin L-7 which was destroyed by the British off the German coast. The destruction of the Zeppelin was completed by a British submarine after the airship had been damaged by the British warships. The submarine rescued seven men of the Zeppelin crew, all the members of which were reported in the earlier official statement to have been lost.

PERSONAL.

John Baker will finish work next week at the Holstein-Friesian office and will go to Meriden, Conn., to work.

Miss Eva Waters of Wilmington is visiting in the home of her grandmother, Mrs. J. P. Austin, for the summer.

Thomas Edwards, who is doing masonry work in Wilmington, will spend the week-end at his home on Spruce street.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Williams and daughter of Putney spent yesterday in town with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Croft.

Mrs. Frank L. Reed and Mrs. L. D. Taylor left this morning to stay a week in Boston with Mr. and Mrs. Sherman N. McQuaide.

Miss Margaret T. Moran accompanied her cousin, Miss Anna Moran, to her home in Springfield, Mass., today to stay over Sunday.

Miss Laura Spaulding of the Holstein-Friesian Register office will go to her home in Wilmington this afternoon to stay over Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Rogers of Bellingham, Wash., are visiting in Brattleboro with her mother, Mrs. P. Conner, and in town with her sister, Mrs. Wesley Richardson.

Mrs. Farrington and daughter, Miss Hope Farrington, who had been visiting their daughter and sister, Mrs. H. G. Shaw, returned yesterday to their home in Portland, Me.

Clyde V. Chamberlain left today for Reading, Pa., to take up his new position in a department store. At the close of the day's work yesterday the employees of the wholesale and retail department of the Dunham Brothers company presented him a traveling bag.

Mr. and Mrs. G. G. Jones went this morning by automobile to Montpelier. Mrs. Jones will remain there for a visit of two weeks with her parents. Mr. Jones will return tomorrow. They were accompanied as far as Barre by Mrs. A. L. Rohde, who will visit relatives there until Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Streeter and two sons of Springfield, Mass., came yesterday by automobile to remain over Sunday in town with their mother, Mrs. L. F. Clark. They were accompanied by Miss Winona Sherman of Springfield, who is a week-end guest of Miss Gladys Holden.

FIELD HEADQUARTERS, near Nandiquipa, Mexico, May 6, by wireless to Columbus, New Mexico.—A full squadron of 230 men of the 11th cavalry surprised and routed a much larger force of Villa bandits near Cushuhque early yesterday. Forty-two Mexicans were killed and a number wounded. There were no American casualties.

The American command had been pursuing the bandits for several days when they encountered them in camp in some adobe huts. The Mexicans were completely surprised and sprang from their beds half clothed. After firing a few wild shots they began a flight, each man shifting for his own safety. Some of them were able to seize their horses, already tired from a hard day's ride, but others made their way into the hills on foot. The commanding officer reported he was still pursuing the scattered remnants of the band, which is the largest remaining under Villa's standard. It is believed the band is the same as that defeated April 22 by Col. Dodd's command.

EL PASO, Texas, May 6.—Gen. Scott and Funston planned today to hold another conference with Gen. Obregon in expectation that before it ends the suggestion of the United States government for the co-operative dispersal of the Villa band in Mexico will take the form of a duly signed protocol.

Prior to the meeting, however, came reports from Juarez that were not quite so optimistic. From authentic Mexican sources it is learned that during the conference held here and in Juarez and interparty truce has existed in Mexico on the understanding that if trouble arose between the de facto government and the United States all factions would unite against the common enemy.

Gen. Trevina is reported to have received messages by telegraph from various Villa chiefs saying that they are ready to put 16,000,000 rounds of ammunition, now hidden in the mountains, as well as their own services, at the disposal of the first chief should a break occur with Washington.

BROSSEAU A SUICIDE.

Middlebury Man, Suddenly Insane, Slashes Throat with Razor.

MIDDLEBURY, May 6. — Harry Brosseau, youngest son of George Brosseau, cut his throat with a razor at his father's home on Mill street yesterday and died two hours later at the home of Dr. S. S. Eddy, where he had been taken for treatment.

The young man, who was about 24, became suddenly insane, and his father was watching him when he gashed his throat, but was unable to stop him in time to save his life. After cutting his throat the young man left the house and walked to Main street nearby.

His father followed him, and calling his brother Lewis, the two succeeded in getting him to Dr. Eddy's office. Drs. White and Martin were summoned to assist, but so much blood had been lost they were unable to save him. He leaves his father, two brothers and five sisters.

HENRY FORD IN TROUBLE.

The Navy League Alleges Libel and Sues for \$100,000.

WASHINGTON, May 6. — The navy league filed suit for libel today in the district supreme court against Henry Ford, asking for \$100,000 damages. The suit alleged libel in some of Ford's published statements opposing military preparedness.

WALKING IN SCHENECTADY.

Strike Has Tied Up All of the City and Interurban Lines.

SCHENECTADY, N. Y., May 6. — A strike called early today has tied up all the city and interurban lines of the Schenectady railway company and no attempt was made to run cars. There was no disorder.

THE WEATHER.

Partly Cloudy Tonight and Sunday — West and Southwest Winds.

WASHINGTON, May 6.—The weather forecast: Partly cloudy tonight and Sunday. Gentle to moderate winds, mostly west and southwest.